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# Community *notes*

## Showcase Your Green at GreenFest

Vendor applications are now being accepted for Howard County's annual **GreenFest**, back for its 9<sup>th</sup> consecutive year on Saturday, April 16, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Howard Community College's Burrill Galleria, 10901 Little Patuxent Parkway in Columbia. Last year's event drew more than 2,000 attendees and featured nearly 90 commercial and non-profit vendors with information about how to live a more ecologically-sound lifestyle.

While the theme for 2016 is "Buy Local, Eat Local, Be Local," **GreenFest** is open to all vendors and exhibitors that highlight environmentally conscious products, services, activities and opportunities for community involvement.

Each exhibit space includes a 5' table and two chairs. Cost to non-profits is \$25 per space; cost to other entities, including commercial businesses is \$35 per space. An additional \$10 late fee will be charged to those who apply after Friday, February 26. Sponsorship opportunities for \$100 are also available. Cost includes one table and special mention in the **GreenFest** brochure and on the website. Preference will be given to local businesses and organizations that promote environmentally-friendly goods and services.

The vendor and sponsorship application is available on the **GreenFest** website at [www.hcgreenfest.org](http://www.hcgreenfest.org). For more information and/or to have an application mailed to you, contact Alan Wilcom with the County's Department of Public Works, at 410-313-6433 or via email at [awilcom@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:awilcom@howardcountymd.gov).

## Greeting

It's been a challenging week for us. The good news is we survived winter's blast. The great news is that upcoming events hold the promise of being just plain fun!

*MayKay*

## Voices

A Three Woman Art Show



All are invited to come see our show, *Voices*, which features artwork by Karen Carpenter, Irene Whitaker, and Martha Lohaus.

Open through February 13, 2016

The Bernice Kish Gallery at  
Slayton House, Wilde Lake  
10400 Cross Fox Lane,  
Columbia, MD 21044

## Beans with No Salt: Poetry and Percussion

*featuring Steven Leyva and Josh Soto*

**February 6, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.**

**Howard Community College**

**Kittleman Room of Duncan Hall**

Join HoCoPoLitSo for a coffeehouse afternoon of poetry and percussion flavored with a taste of Zydeco as a Mardi Gras precursor and a winter warm-up.



Baltimore poet and Little Patuxent Review editor **Steven Leyva** will read from his work, centered on his tuneful hometown of New Orleans.

Steven will be accompanied by drummer **Josh Soto** on congas and drum set.



Coffee and snacks will be served before and during the performance, and a question and answer session follows.

In Créole the word Zydeco could translate to “Green Beans,” but colloquially a better approximation would be “Beans with no salt,” which is a sly way of expressing hard times. The reciprocal movement between lack and plenty, famine and feast, often inspires innovation in literature and music, making the borders of genres porous. Using improvisation, audience participation and a bit of luck, Leyva and Soto seek to carve out a space in the ear and imagination where hard times breed a new music for the heart, and percussion becomes the poet’s blank page.

This event is presented by HoCoPoLitSo in partnership with the Columbia Festival of the Arts winter performance series, “Beyond the Blues.” A book signing and reception will follow. Tickets are \$15 general admission and \$10 for students and seniors. They are available online through [Brown Paper Tickets](#).

### Upcoming Events:

Feb. 19 -- **Evening of Irish Music & Poetry** with Eamon Grennan (Tickets \$35)

April 28 -- **Blackbird Poetry Festival's Nightbird Reading** with Marie Howe (Tickets \$15/\$20)

## Concert This Saturday

The recipient of rave reviews and many honors, the Baroque Band, a period instrument orchestra, will perform on Saturday, February 6 at 8:00 p.m. in the Horowitz Center’s Smith Theatre at HCC. The concert is presented by Candlelight Concert Society (CCS), as part of its annual Chamber Music Series.

Pre-Concert Lecture 7:15 p.m. with Richard J. Giarusso, Ph.D., Chair, Department of Musicology, Peabody Conservatory

### CONCERT PROGRAM:

Purcell: Abdelazer Suite

Bach: Brandenburg Concerto No. 5 in D Major, BWV 1050

Telemann: Don Quixote Suite

Vivaldi: Flute Concerto 'The Goldfinch'

Biber: Mensa sonora Part I

Farina: Capriccio stravagante



Tickets are \$35 for adults, \$32 for seniors, \$12 for full-time students (ages 9-17 are admitted free with a paying adult). For tickets or more information, visit [website](#). To purchase tickets by phone or reserve handicapped accessible seating, please call 410-997-2324.

## Notice of Public Meeting

A Pre-submission Community Meeting has been scheduled for the purpose of providing information to the community regarding a proposed Development Rights and Responsibilities Agreement regarding the proposed redevelopment of certain properties in Downtown Columbia. The proposed agreement is in furtherance of the Joint Recommendations for Affordable Housing in Downtown Columbia and the vision for Downtown Columbia expressed in the Downtown Columbia Plan. This meeting is the next step in the public engagement process regarding these Joint Recommendations, subsequent to the series of public work sessions held by the Howard County Council on the topic between June and November of 2015. This Pre-submission Community Meeting will allow community residents and adjacent landowners to ask questions and make comments.

The meeting details are as follows:

**DATE:** Saturday, February 13, 2016

**TIME:** 1:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Howard Community College  
Student Services Hall, Room 400  
10910 Little Patuxent Parkway  
Columbia, MD 21044

If you have any questions regarding the meeting, please feel free to contact Nancy Tucker at The Howard Hughes Corporation by calling 410.964.5446.

## CFA's Winter Blues

### Theatre Offerings

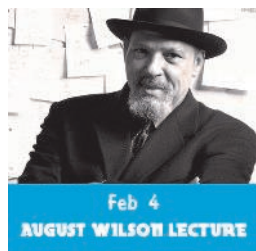
**Saturday, February 6, 2016 ■ 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.**

**SAMUEL JAMES | Art Opening and Blues Concert**

Gallery exhibition private showing, followed by Blues Concert.  
Columbia Art Center

*"Wildly individualistic...a powerhouse of intensity...Samuel James is a man that packs ferocity in his virtuosity in what is unabashedly deep roots, old time."* – *TheCountryBlues.com*

Samuel James is in a class by himself. With a voice of grit and gravel, roots musician Samuel James sings with an authenticity lost in time. A modern guitar master, James' skill has a depth and range that seems impossible for a man with only two hands. Among the most creative guitar players performing today, this blues-based singer/songwriter has dazzled audiences around the world for the better part of a decade. Tickets: \$15



**Friday, February 5, 2016 7:00 -10:30 p.m.**

**August Wilson's GEM OF THE OCEAN | A Journey of Truth, Freedom, and Justice**

By The Pittsburgh Playwrights Theatre, Mark Clayton Southers, Founder and Producing Artistic Director  
Celebration Church

*"Southers and his company give vitality and depth to Wilson's play"* – *WRCT Radio, Pittsburgh*

GEM OF THE OCEAN is a critically-acclaimed play is filled with memorable characters, gentle humor and soulful poetry. Set in 1904, this play is the first episode of August Wilson's epic cycle of African-American life in the 20th century. Tickets: \$25

**Friday, February 12, 2016 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

**CONVERSATION WITH KWAME KWEI-ARMAH | Visionary Artistic Director**

Oliver's Carriage House – Kittamaqundi Community Church  
*"He's on track to make a real difference in Baltimore."* – *Randall Vega, Baltimore Office of Promotion & the Arts*

Live interview with Kwame about Baltimore's Center Stage, their new \$30+ million capital campaign, and other issues that affect professional theatre in America. Kwame Kwei-Armah is a scribbler, director, actor, theatre leader and sometime recording and broadcast artist with a razor-sharp intellect, and yet wows people with his warmth.

He's an acclaimed writer who holds the elite-sounding title of "Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire" — and yet, at Center Stage, he has striven to make inclusiveness the prevailing vibe. Tickets: \$10



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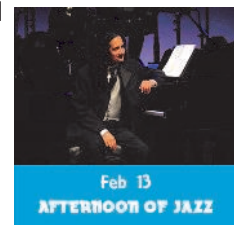
**Saturday, February 13, 2016 ■ 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.**

**AN AFTERNOON OF JAZZ | Music of Trane, Miles & Mingus**

Monteabaro Recital Hall, Howard Community College

*"People who know Vince di Mura's playing know to expect something special."* – *keyboard.com*

Veteran jazz pianist, composer, arranger and musical director Vince di Mura performs with saxophonist/composer James Brandon Lewis. Vince di Mura is a veteran Jazz pianist, composer, arranger and musical director who has appeared on concert stages and theatres throughout North America, Canada, Europe and Latin America. Saxophonist/composer James Brandon Lewis has earned a reputation in the gospel, R&B, and jazz worlds. Tickets: \$15



**Sunday, February 14, 2016 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

**VALENTINE'S DAY JAZZ! MONTEREY JAZZ FESTIVAL ON TOUR | Longest Consecutively-Running Jazz Festival In the World**

Jim Rouse Theatre

Featuring Raul Midon, Ravi Coltrane, Nicholas Payton, Gerald Clayton, Joe Sanders and Gregory Hutchinson.

*"Nothing less than Jazz Nirvana."* – *San Jose Mercury News*

The longest consecutively running jazz festival in the world, the Monterey Jazz Festival celebrates their unique brand of jazz-with-a-purpose exuberance while expanding the boundaries of jazz presentation. This year's lineup reflects Monterey's "traditional-untraditionalist" attitude, and is a who's-who of critically-acclaimed and Grammy-recognized top artists. Tickets: \$36-\$51



Tickets can be purchased [online](#).



## Reminders

The Columbia Orchestra presents **Daybreak of Freedom** on Saturday, January 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the Jim Rouse Theatre. Enjoy Beethoven's *Symphony No. 5*, Rossini's Overture to *The Barber of Seville*, Schwanter's *New Morning for the World* and more. Pastor Michael Edwards will share the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Tickets are \$10-25 & \$3 fee. Click [here](#) or call 410-465-8777 (M-F from 9:30-3:30) to purchase tickets. Arrive by 6:30 p.m. for a free pre-concert lecture.

Enjoy Winter Restaurant Weeks through February 1. Click [here](#) for more information.

Columbia Association's (CA) Camps Department will host an Open Hire Event on Saturday, January 30, 8:30-11:00 a.m. at CA Headquarters, 6310 Hillside Court (located off Stevens Forest Road near the county vehicle emissions inspection station). Open positions include camp directors, camp counselors, camp supervisors, lifeguards, canoe specialists, archery specialists and more. Applicants must be at least 16 years old by June 20, 2016.

Candlelight Concert Society (CCS) continues its CandleKids Series with a new musical based on the best-selling children's series by Barbara Park. Theatreworks USA will perform **Junie B.'s Essential Survival Guide to School** on Sunday, January 31 at 2 and 4 p.m. in the Horowitz Center's Smith Theatre in Columbia, MD. American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation will be provided at the 4 p.m. performance for the hearing impaired.

Tickets are \$11 in advance and \$12 the day of the performance. Groups of 15 or more are \$9/ticket. For tickets, more information, or to download the performance study guide, visit [www.candlelightconcerts.org](http://www.candlelightconcerts.org). To purchase tickets by phone or to reserve handicapped accessible or ASL seating, please call 410-997-2324.

USPS is accepting written comments on its proposal to establish a retail post office in Clarksville. Please send your comments to:

Richard Hancock, Real Estate Specialist  
United States Postal Service  
Facilities Service Office  
PO Box 27497  
Greensboro, NC 27498-1103  
[richard.a.hancock2@usps.gov](mailto:richard.a.hancock2@usps.gov)

Comments are accepted until March 1, 2016.

## Public Notice Hearing on Local Bills

The Howard County Delegation of the Maryland General Assembly will hear testimony from the public regarding statewide issues on Thursday, February 11, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the Banneker Room, George Howard Building (3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City). For more information, please contact Dan Furman at 410-841-3360 or [hoc1@mlis.state.md.us](mailto:hoc1@mlis.state.md.us).

## New Date... "2016 "Children On Board" Preschool/Child Care Information Fair

Saturday, February 13, 2016

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Ten Oaks Ballroom, 5000 Signal Bell Lane, Clarksville, MD

The annual fair will provide parents, guardians, grandparents and child care personnel with "one stop shopping" for information on child care, pre-school and summer programs, as well as the opportunity for personal contact with teachers and program directors. Representatives from community service organizations that offer programs and services to Howard County's young children will also be on hand to provide information to interested parents. Attendees will also have the opportunity to attend free informational sessions on "How to Choose an Early Childhood Program" offered each hour.

Admission is free; however, attendees are asked to bring a nonperishable food item to donate to the Howard County Food Bank.

The new *2016 Parent's Guide to Howard County* will be distributed at the event free of charge. For more information about the Fair, contact the Office of Children's Services at either 410-313-1940 or via e-mail at [children@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:children@howardcountymd.gov).



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